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March 26, 2021

Mayor Chris Riggs
Town of Gila Bend
PO Box A
Gila Bend, AZ 85337

Subject: Gila Bend State of Emergency

Dear Mayor Riggs,

I, like so many others, took notice of your recent emergency declaration in response to the Biden Administration's destructive open border immigration policies. While Gila Bend is not directly represented by me in Congress, it borders my District and in fact, illegal aliens crossing via the Yuma Sector originate through my District into your town.

I write to offer my full support in assisting your town handle this nationally self-inflicted crisis that had been under control until a recent change in DHS policies. My staff and I are available to assist with navigating the federal bureaucracy. Whether contacting an agency, applying for grants, obtaining support from ICE to remove criminal aliens, or HHS Covid relief, my office is ready to help.

I am in complete agreement that the situation is nothing less than a State of Emergency, warranting a swift response from state and federal officials. The current state of our porous border poses a dual threat towards national security and public health and nobody understands this more than the citizens within Arizona's border towns. Border adjacent communities, like Gila Bend, do not have the resources to accommodate a massive influx of illegal migration. I stand ready to help if you need my help.

Thank you for prioritizing the interests of Arizonan citizens and lawful residents. The measures you have taken to defend Arizona are commendable and I am willing to assist your efforts in any way possible, including advocating on your behalf at the federal level.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul A. Gosar" followed by a stylized flourish.

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.
Member of Congress